IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

:

LEVILAYSHA MAY HOOVER, :

Petitioner. : CIVIL ACTION

v. :

: NO. 17-2665

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCI CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS et al.,

Respondents. :

<u>ORDER</u>

AND NOW, this 15th day of May, 2018, upon consideration of the Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus* filed by Petitioner Levilaysha May Hoover (Doc. No. 1), the Response thereto (Doc. No. 6), Magistrate Judge Thomas Rueter's Report & Recommendation (Doc. No. 7), and Petitioner's Objection to the Report & Recommendation (Doc. No. 11), it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Petitioner's Objection (Doc. No. 11) is **OVERRULED**. ¹
- 2. The Report & Recommendation (Doc. No. 7) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
- 3. The Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus* (Doc. No. 1) is **DISMISSED** with prejudice without an evidentiary hearing.
- 4. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.²

Further, the Court agrees that Ms. Hoover has not alleged facts sufficient to show that she is entitled to equitable tolling. *See* Report & Recommendation at 6–8.

The Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Rueter that Ms. Hoover's petition is untimely under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d). *See* Report & Recommendation at 5. Ms. Hoover's conviction became final in 2010, and her state post-conviction proceedings concluded in 2014. (A successive, untimely state post-conviction petition concluded in March 2016.) She failed to file her federal habeas petition until June 2017, outside the one-year limitations period set by § 2244(d).

A certificate of appealability may issue only upon "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). A petitioner must "demonstrate that reasonable

5.	The Clerk of Court shall mark this case CLOSED for all purposes, including	
	statistics.	
		BY THE COURT:
		S/Gene E.K. Pratter GENE E.K. PRATTER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); *Lambert v. Blackwell*, 387 F.3d 210, 230 (3d Cir. 2004). The Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Rueter that there is no probable cause to issue such a certificate in this action.